Revival of National Integration Council

4510. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to revive the National Integration Council;

(b) whether the National Integration Council has been re-constituted;

(c) if so, the composition thereof; and

(d) what are the roles envisaged for States in implementation of national integration programmes conducted by the NIC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The National Integration Council (NIC) was last re-constituted by way of Press Note dated 2.2.2005. The reconstituted NIC, headed by the Prime Minister, has 140 Members comprising of Union Ministers, Chief Ministers of all States and Union Territories which have legislatures, Leaders of National Political Parties and Regional Political Parties, Chairpersons of National Commissions, Media Persons, Eminent Public Figures and Representatives drawn from Business, Labour & Women.

(d) The suggestions made by the NIC relating to the State Governments are referred to them for taking suitable action.

Vacancy/sanctioned posts in CRPF

4511. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the cadre-wise number of sanctioned posts of the CRPF as on 31st March, 2007, and the actual number thereof, cadre-wise on the same date;

(b) the reasons for vacancies in case the gap between sanctioned posts and the existing posts exceeds five per cent; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that full strength of the Force is in place, so that the security of the VIPs being looked after by the Force is not adversely affected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Details are as under:—

Group	Sanctioned Post	Posted Strength	Vacancies
Group-A	3903	2895	1008
Group-B (GOs)	172	85	87
Group-B (NGOs)	3517	1922	1595
Group-C	207201	194841	12360
Group-D	19111	17563	1548
TOTAL:	233904	217306	16598

(b) (i) sanction of new posts.

(ii) Normal wastage as well as promotion.

(iii) Non-availability of eligible candidates for appointment to some posts in required numbers.

(c) Recruitment is an on-going process with the help of UPSC, SSC & Force recruitment boards.

Displaced Afghan nationals in India

4512. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Afghan nationals displaced during Taliban region, still living in India, as on 1st May, 2007;

(b) the steps taken by Government for their return to their native land;

(c) whether the matter was discussed with Afghan Government representative, during SAARC summit held recently in Delhi; if so, the details of outcome thereof; and

(d) the total assistance given so far by the Government of India, in addition to the external assistance, for their stay and food subsidy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per readily available information received from State Governments, 17,213 Afghan refugees were staying in India as on 30.6.2006.

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